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COUNTRY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF).

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA -- SADF RAIDS

SUSPECTED APLA HOUSE IN TRANSKEI -- UPDATE (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) UPDATES THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE  
(SADF) RAID ON A SUSPECTED AZANIAN PEOPLES LIBERATION  
ARMY (APLA) HOUSE IN TRANSKEI ON 931008.

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TEXT: 1. (U) THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE WILL BE READ AT  
A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT IS TO BEGIN APPROX 1500 GMT  
931008 IN PRETORIA, SF.

QUOTE

THE STATE PRESIDENT, MR. F.W. ((DE KLERK)), AND SENIOR  
MINISTERS YESTERDAY AUTHORIZED THE SADF TO LAUNCH A  
LIMITED STRIKE EARLY THIS MORNING AGAINST A VERIFIED  
APLA FACILITY IN TRANSKEI.

THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE FOLLOWING  
BACKGROUND.

IN JANUARY THIS YEAR THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE (THE  
GOLDSTONE COMMISSION) CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO  
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AZANIAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY  
(APLA). THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION FOLLOWED A  
RECOMMENDATION BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS "THAT THE GOLDSTONE COMMISSION UNDERTAKE A  
SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE FUNCTIONING AND

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OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN AGENCIES, INTER ALIA...THE AZANIAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT..."

ON 15 MARCH THE COMMISSION FOUND INTER ALIA THAT--

1. APLA USED TRANSKEI AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR ATTACKS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE STORED IN TRANSKEI FOR USE BY APLA UNITS.
2. APLA'S OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE AIMED AT MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE (SAP), THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE (SADF) AND CIVILIANS IN GENERAL.
3. APLA'S MEMBERS HAD RECEIVED TRAINING IN TRANSKEI.
4. ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE BEING SMUGGLED INTO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND TRANSKEI FOR USE BY APLA MEMBERS.
5. APLA'S INTERNAL HIGH COMMAND FOR THE REPUBLIC WAS BASED IN TRANSKEI.

THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS WERE NOT REFUTED AND TRANSKEI'S INACTION CREATED CIRCUMSTANCES FAVORING CONTINUED APLA OPERATIONS.

SINCE THE COMMISSION'S REPORT THE SITUATION HAS FURTHER DETERIORATED. APLA HAS TIME AND TIME AGAIN REFUSED TO ABANDON ITS ARMED STRUGGLE. EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT IT HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE USE OF TRANSKEI FOR ATTACKS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH A NUMBER OF CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED . APLA HAS OPENLY ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A NUMBER OF THESE ATTACKS.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS TRIED ALL ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES OF ADDRESSING THIS SITUATION. EVEN HEIGHTENED BORDER CONTROL MEASURES HAVE FAILED, ON THEIR OWN, TO HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF ITS CITIZENS. IT HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ANY VERIFIED APLA FACILITIES IN TRANSKEI.

RECENTLY IT ACQUIRED RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF SUCH A FACILITY. AFTER APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION IT LAUNCHED THIS MORNING'S PREEMPTIVE STRIKE.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE STRIKE WERE ACHIEVED--

- THE PREEMPTIVE ACTION IN ALL LIKELIHOOD DISRUPTED APLA PLANS FOR FURTHER ATTACKS FROM THAT FACILITY.
  - THE HOUSE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY AN APLA FACILITY.
  - WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED. THESE WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS ARE NOW UNDERGOING FORENSIC EXAMINATION.
- THE SADF'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE, IF POSSIBLE, TO AVOID LOSS OF LIFE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE UNIT INVOLVED DID NOT SUCCEED IN THIS REGARD BECAUSE THE MEN IN THE FACILITY WERE ARMED AND OFFERED RESISTANCE.

IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT THIS ACTION WAS DIRECTED

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SOLELY AGAINST APLA AND NOT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OR THE PEOPLE OF TRANSKEI.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TOLERATE THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH ATTACKS AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF ITS CITIZENS.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED THIS STRIKE WITH RELUCTANCE AND AFTER IT HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ALL THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS. THE ULTIMATE CAUSE WAS APLA'S CONTINUING INTENSIFICATION OF ITS FUTILE, UNNECESSARY AND CALLOUS CAMPAIGN OF MURDER AND DESTRUCTION.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CALLS ONCE AGAIN ON ALL PARTIES TO ABANDON VIOLENCE AND TO JOIN THE PEACEFUL SEARCH FOR NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS.

2. (U) THE SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS WIRE, SAPA, IS ALSO REPORTING THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES WITH RESPECT TO THE RAID.

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) LEADER NELSON ((MANDELA)) CONDEMNED IN STRONGEST TERMS THE SADF RAID DESCRIBING IT AS "AN ACT OF THUGGERY." "THERE IS NO EXCUSE WHATSOEVER TO KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE, EVEN ASSUMING THEY WERE MEMBERS OF APLA." HE SAID THE PEACE PROCESS WOULD, HOWEVER, NOT BE DERAILED BY SUCH ACTS. HE EXPECTED SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

TRANSKEI MILITARY RULER MAJOR GENERAL BANTU ((HOLOMISA)), WHO IS ACCOMPANYING MANDELA ON HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, SUPPORTED THE ANC LEADER'S COMMENTS. ACCORDING TO THE TRANSKEI MILITARY COUNCIL, THE TERRITORY'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT, THE SADF RAID WAS DESIGNED TO DESTABILIZE TRANSKEI THE COUNCIL SAID IT WAS SHOCKED AND DISMAYED BY THE ATTACK AND THAT AN "APPROPRIATE PROTEST NOTE" WOULD BE SENT TO PRETORIA.

3. (U) IN A RELATED STORY, SAPA REPORTED THAT THE PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS (PAC) CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE UMTATA, TRANSKEI, HOUSE RAIDED BY THE SADF TROOPS HAD BEEN A HAVEN FOR CADRES OF ITS MILITARY WING, THE AZANIAN PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY (APLA). PAC DEPUTY PRESIDENT JOHNSON ((MLAMBO)) DID CONFIRM THAT THE HOUSE BELONGED TO A PAC MEMBER, SICELO ((MPENDULO)). HE SAID THREE OF MR MPENDULO'S CHILDREN, 16 YEAR OLD TWINS AND THEIR 12 YEAR-OLD BROTHER WERE KILLED ALONG WITH THEIR TWO COUSINS, AGES 12 AND 19.

MR MPENDULO WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CHILDREN HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD BY SADF SOLDIERS USING UZI SUB-MACHINE GUNS FIXED WITH SILENCERS. HE CLAIMED THE CHILDREN HAD OFFERED NO RESISTANCE, AS THEY WERE FOUND IN THEIR BEDS.

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